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JOINT EMBASSY/USIS/MACV MESSAGE

URGENT REQUIREMENT EXISTS WITHIN USIS AND GVN MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE FOR PHOTOS SHOWING US AND GVN AIRCRAFT CARRYING OUT AIR STRIKES OVER NORTH VIETNAM. STRIKE PHOTOS SHOWING EFFECTIVENESS OF BOMBINGS AGAINST MILITARY INSTALLATIONS, STAGING AREAS, SUPPLY AND COMMUNICATION LINES, DEPOTS AND OTHER STRICTLY MILITARY TARGETS WOULD ADD SIGNIFICANT IMPACT IN OUR LEAFLET DROPS AND POSTERS WITHIN SVN EXPLAINING US/GVN POSITION ON THESE STRIKES.  
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GENERAL THI, ARVN I CORPS COMMANDER, PARTICULARLY DESIRES SUCH MATERIAL TO OFFSET VIET CONG PROPAGANDA CLAIMS THAT BOMBING MISSIONS ARE FLOWN AT SUCH HIGH ALTITUDES THAT ORDNANCE INDISCRIMINATELY HITS CIVILIANS, HOSPITALS AND SCHOOLS.

UNDERSTANDING HERE IS THAT SUCH PHOTOGRAPHY IS STILL CLASSIFIED AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR ITS DECLASSIFICATION AND RELEASE RESTS WITH DOD. RECOMMEND WASHINGTON AGENCIES REVIEW AND SELECT PHOTOS BEST SUITED FOR PSYOPS MISSION AND REQUEST RELEASE FOR OUR UNRESTRICTED USE. IF PHOTOS MADE AVAILABLE, WE WILL ALSO SATISFY GVN MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE REQUIREMENTS.

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